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24 January 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY/2 and 29 in Washington on  
16 January 1969

During contact with the Subjects in their room at the Statler Hilton the following was reported by them.

1. Ukrainian historical documents salvaged from the fire in the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in Kiev in May of 1964 and stored in the Vyubetsky Monastery in Kiev were destroyed in fires which took place on 26 November and 13-14 December 1968, according to a recent traveller. The 26 November fire was confirmed in a small news item which appeared in a local Kiev paper. (The clipping received was not identified as to date or newspaper. Efforts are being made to establish this information. It is believed to be Kievska Zorya of 27 November.) The news item read as follows: "On the night of 26 November 1968, fire broke out in the former St. George's Church, where preparations were being made for restoration procedures. A state commission has been formed to investigate the causes of the fire and to present a proposition to the UkSSR Council of Ministers that this 17th Century architectural monument, which is part of the complex of structures belonging to the former Vyubetsky Monastery, be rebuilt and restored. (RATAU)" To date, nothing has been found in the Soviet Ukrainian press to confirm the 13-14 December episode, but the source reported that the fire destroyed the remainder of the archives stored in the Vyubetsky complex, and that Soviet Ukrainian citizens are again accusing the authorities of arson in an effort to destroy the last vestiges of Ukrainian history.

2. Soviet authorities continue to dismiss from their jobs individuals involved in the signing of protest documents, according to a recent traveller.

3. The manuscript of a book written by Mykhaylo OSADCHYY (literary scholar, critic, and lecturer at Lvov State University, sentenced to 4 years in prison in early 1966 for anti-regime activities, released in the summer of 1967) was delivered by a Ukrainian from

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Czechoslovakia to the OUN/Melnick people (ZHUKOVSKY) in Paris in November 1968. ZHUKOVSKY was asked by the source to show the manuscript to the AECASSOWARIES and to collaborate with them on having it surfaced. To date, ZHUKOVSKY has refused to do so. Now the source has informed the AECASSOWARIES that OSADCHYY has made a number of changes in his book and that the new manuscript will be gotten out to the AECASSOWARIES, although the source is still insisting that the Melnick people show the original version to the AECASSOWARIES.

4. According to a recent traveller, Vyacheslav CHORNOVIL has been transferred to a prison in Lvov and it is expected that he may be given a new trial.

5. A Ukrainian from Czechoslovakia, Vladimir JUSKOV, Presov, Sturova 44, a lawyer about 50 years old, was in Munich on 25-26 October 1968, along with Maria KREMPA. He visited in Munich once before in late October 1967. JUSKOV claims to have contact with Soviet Ukrainians and that he is a good friend of Yuri BACHA of Presov with whom A/29 has had contact. JUSKOV made available to a source of A/29, names and addresses of prisoners to whom he feels food and clothing parcels should be sent.

6. Peter REDAWAY suggested to a source in London that the AECASSOWARIES should contact Renato MIELI in Milan Italy, who might be willing to help them get Soviet documents surfaced. MIELI, (Chief of PCI's Foreign Section and Editor-in-chief of L'Unita in Milan), is a former communist, who became disillusioned with communism in 1956 following the events in Hungary. (It seems, according to his 201, that MIELI was cultivated for some time but that the contact was dropped because it was decided he was not recruitable.) As of May 1966, MIELI was Secretary General of the Centro Studi e Richerche su Problemi Economico Sociali (SESES).

7. A/29 asked me to check out the following, who he would like to use in contact operations. Olga DUPONT nee Kovaliv, 33 rue de Poissy, Paris 5e, Ukrainian, about 35 years of age. Her ex-husband was a Belgian diplomat. Her father, Konstantin Kovaliv lived and died in New York. She lived with her parents in Lvov and then in Poland following WWII, then in Antwerp, and later in a kibutz in Israel for a year, from where she returned to Belgium. She is employed by a travel agency in Paris through which she has contacts with Soviet citizens.

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8. Recontact of Stepan PROCYK by the Soviets. See separate memo 23 January 1969.

9. Trofim KICHKO's book, Judaism Without Embellishment, has recently been published in Polish in Warsaw.

10. Yuriy SHUKHEVYCH, son of the famous UPA General Taras Chuprynska, (Roman Shukhevych) General is free now and living with his aunt in Nalchik in the Caucasus. He will be allowed to return to the Ukraine only after the expiration of 5 years. The younger HORYN' brother is also free.

11. Oles' HONCHAR's Sobor has been translated into English by Ivan RUDNYTSKY. He sent the translation to two publishers and is waiting for word from them.

12. According to a recent traveller, a Soviet Ukrainian citizen, Vasyl' O. MAKUKH, immolated himself in Kiev on 11 May 1968 in protest against the persecution of Ukrainian intellectuals. As his body burned, he shouted "Long live free Ukraine." MAKUKH was a former concentration camp inmate, having fought with the Ukrainian insurgent forces.

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